

Sir Richard Lambert



Former director general of the UK's most powerful industry association, the Confederation of British Industry, and UK Business Ambassador

After five years at the helm of the Confederation of British Industry, Sir Richard Lambert stepped down as Director-General in January 2011.

Sir Richard is a highly respected powerful business voice in the UK, known for his intelligence, ability as a communicator and depth of knowledge of economics and business markets.

From 2003 until 2006, Sir Richard was one of the nine members of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England which sets the interest rate for sterling.

Prior to that, Sir Richard had an impressive career in journalism, joining the UK's Financial Times as a trainee companies' reporter in 1966, rising to become editor from 1991 until 2001.

Sir Richard's sense for policy and politics has been reinforced by the significant influence held by the Confederation of British Industries.

He has also delivered key government reports on BBC News 24 and chaired the Lambert Review on the relationship between higher education and business.

He remains Chancellor of the University of Warwick, a position he has held since 2008, and has recently been appointed as an adviser to one of the UK's largest energy companies, EDF Energy.

He was knighted in the 2011 New Year Honours for service to business.

Sir Richard has a history degree from the University of Oxford, an honorary doctorate from the University of New York and honorary degrees from the City University, University of Warwick, Brighton and Exeter.

Sir Richard is also a trustee of the British Museum.

Sir Richard is in the Asia Pacific to speak at the Australia-New Zealand Business and Climate Change Conference, in New Zealand on 1 August 2011.